

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

NEW HAMPSHIRE APPLE DAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

WHEREAS, New Hampshire apple and tree-fruit growers contribute to our local, state, and national economies, enhance the quality of living for our citizenry, and help beautify the Granite State; and

WHEREAS, There are nearly 150 apple growers in the state that generate average annual sales of \$11 million for the New Hampshire economy; and

WHEREAS, Apple growers and producers of agricultural commodities in New Hampshire participate in a wide variety of conservation efforts and renewable energy projects that advance agricultural research and education and help protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, The more than 1,400 acres of apple orchards in New Hampshire preserve open spaces and scenic views and provide families with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and engage in treasured activities such as apple-picking; and

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire apple industry works to meet consumer demands by providing a wide variety of fresh, locally produced, environmentally sound, and high-quality apple and cider products; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all New Hampshire residents to recognize the contributions that our apple growers and all involved in our farm economy make to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**, as **NEW HAMPSHIRE APPLE DAY** in New Hampshire and encourage all residents to recognize the contributions of apple growers towards our state's economy and its history.

Given this 4th day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-nine.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor